

**MINUTES OF  
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2002**

**Members Present:** Matthew Smith, Chairman; Per Bang-Jensen, Vice-Chairman; Laurence Mason; Ann McCarty; Sam Poles; David Cubbage and Liz Cook.

**Members Absent:** Harry Atherton, R. E. Moore and John Pulsinelli.

**Guests Present:** Kay Hayes, Dennis McMullen and Rick Carr.

**Staff Present:** Fran Williams

**1. Consider Approval of July 31, 2002 Committee Meeting Minutes.**

Postponed until October meeting.

**2. Receive an Update from Steve Black, VDOT District Engineer, Regarding Route 29 Crossovers.**

Steve Black was unable to attend the meeting. Dave Cubbage used an aerial map to give the Committee an overview of VDOT's recommendations concerning crossovers between Opal and the Town of Warrenton. **Mr. Cubbage, who will provide the Committee with these recommendations in writing**, stated that a Public Hearing would need to be held before VDOT could proceed with the closure of any crossover. Mr. Cubbage further stated that VDOT took into consideration various factors, such as site distance, grade separation and operating speeds in determining which crossovers should be closed.

Per Bang-Jensen suggested that a goal should be for all crossovers on Route 29 to have a deceleration lane. Liz Cook stated that the Committee's goal should also include a limit on future crossovers, which would help in the consideration of subdivision approvals. Ann McCarty suggested that this proposal be presented to the Planning Commission at some time. Sam Poles suggested having traffic counts done on crossovers in order to justify the closings. **Liz Cook will draft a policy detailing the Committee's concerns.**

Dave Cubbage suggested not making a motion until next month when Harry Atherton will be present and a Power Point presentation or site visit could be made.

On motion made by Per Bang-Jensen and seconded by Ann McCarty, it was moved to table this item until next month. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Receive an Update on the Warrenton Weigh Station.**

Dave Cubbage stated that the ribbon cutting for the Weigh Station will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, October 3, 2002 and invited the Committee to attend.

**4. *Discuss and Consider Making a Recommendation on the Lake Drive Options Related to the Development of the Brookside Community.***

Matthew Smith stated that this item will be postponed until the next meeting due to the absence of the Scott District representative.

**5. *Discuss Clifton Road Maintenance.***

Dave Cabbage stated that a construction crew will begin work on Clifton Road next week.

**6. *Initiate Process to do Studies Necessary to Restrict Tractor Trailer Traffic on Route 710 (Rectorstown Road), Route 709 (Zulla Road) Route 713 (Atoka Road), and Route 626 (Halfway Road).***

Liz Cook provided the Committee with a letter dated August 2, 2002 from Clay Athey to Bob Lee concerning Through Truck Restriction Studies, Methods and Requirements.

Dave Cabbage discussed a traffic study taken during a 48-hour period in June and July. Mr. Cabbage noted that school was not in session during this time and suggested that this study be used as a baseline and then have another study completed in six (6) months to one (1) year in order to draw a comparison.

***Matthew Smith suggested that this item be postponed until the next meeting. Dave Cabbage will provide the necessary data to Liz Cook for distribution at the next meeting.***

**7. *Discuss Asking Legislature to Reduce the Base Speed Limit on Fauquier County Roads from 55 Miles Per Hour to 45 Miles Per Hour.***

Larry Mason stated that he has not received written comments from Sharon McCamy. However, she has indicated that she does not feel that lowering the speed limit throughout the County is feasible. Mrs. McCamy is considering other options and will contact Mr. Mason. ***Mr. Mason suggested tabling this item until the next meeting.***

**8. *Other Items.***

Larry Mason stated that Sharon McCamy has spoken with Sheriff Joe Higgs and recommended that a traffic light be installed at Elk Run Road (Route 806) and Marsh Road (Route 17) in Morrisville. Dave Cabbage stated that he has contacted VDOT's Traffic Engineering department and was told that there have been no funds set aside for this project nor have they received a request. Mr. Cabbage stated that VDOT cannot proceed without their participation.

Larry Mason stated that he has received some inquiries about the speed limit on Sumerduck Road (Route 651). Dave Cabbage stated that, to his knowledge, VDOT has not received any inquiries.

Larry Mason stated that two (2) of his neighbors have encountered problems while riding horses along Sumerduck Road (Route 651) south of Savannah Branch Road (Route 668). In one instance a colt was killed. Mr. Mason asked if a "Slow Horses" sign could be posted. ***Dave Cabbage will look into the matter.***

***Matthew Smith asked if Jon Whichard's request for a soundwall for Poplar Grove Subdivision had been taken care of. Liz Cook will look into this and put this item on next month's agenda, if necessary.***

Dave Cubbage stated that his goal concerning the Six-Year Plan is to hold a Public Hearing in November, get the Committee's recommendation in December and the Board of Supervisors' vote in January 2003. Mr. Cubbage stated that he has had a number of requests to add Ramey Road (Route 732) to the Six-Year Plan because of blind hills and the lack of shoulders.

Sam Poles stated that he and Bob Moore recently met with residents of Washwright Road and Keyser Road who expressed concerns about the condition of these roads. Mr. Poles stated that these residents are planning to get a petition together and then coming to one of the Board of Supervisors' meetings to bring this matter up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.